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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY FROM PAKISTAN ANNUAL NARCOTICS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY PAPER BEING POUCHED AS ISLAMABAD A-119 ON AUGUST 4.

2. BEGIN SUMMARY: PAKISTAN REMAINS A HIGH PRIORITY TARGET IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL WITH A FEW NNIBLE SUCCESSES AND MUCH REMAINING TO BE DONE. MEASURED IN TERMS OF ITS NEAR ZERO START IN NARCOTICS CONTROL THREE YEARS AGO, PAKISTAN HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE. HOWEVER, IN TERMS OF WHAHUTHE EMBASSY BELIEVES COULD HAVE BEEN DONEIGR WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, THE RESULTS ARE DISAPPOINTING. IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE IN THE POPPY LICENSING SYSTEM AND SOME ENFORCEMENT UNITS MADE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES DURING THE PAST YEAR AND
BALANCE OF
THIS, LARGE AREAS OF ILLIGAL POPPY GROWTH WERE IGNORED OR ARE LEGALLY INACCESSIBLE, THE PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD'S SPECIAL FIELD INVESTIGATIVE UNITS ARE UNORGANIZED AND INEFFECTIVE, NOOUSEFUL INTELLIGENCE STRUCTURE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, MOVEMENT HAS BEEN GLACIAL
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ON NARCOTICS RELATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND

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VITAL NARCOTICS CONTROL LEGISLATION REMAINS STALLED.

3. US STRATEGY MUST REMAIN TARGETED ON IMPROVEMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES AND PILOT PROJECTS TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY CULTIVATION. THE US MUST ALSO BE PREPARED TO ENCOURAGE AND COOPERATE WITH GOP AND MEDIA EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN OR DEVELOP GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC RECOGNITION THAT NARCOTICS CONTROL IS IN PAKISTAN'S SELF-INTEREST. END SUMMARY.
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